

VSP Public Comment

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Subject: Diebold electronic voting system

Dear Secretary of State,

Insecurity. That about sums it up - the electronic voting system and what voters are left feeling.

The Diebold electronic system has been plagued with breakdowns, easy access to hackers, and the inability to verify voting records. Yet, I understand Diebold has provided auditable systems for other countries such as Brazil rather than lose foothold in the large Latin American market as well as for Vegas casinos. Why then should California settle for anything less?

Trust. Integrity. Validity. None of these exist with the present electronic voting system. These are critical components to a vital part of our democratic system. Don't let them be lost because of an inadequate and unacceptable voting system.

Your obligation to the people of this state includes assuring that every vote is counted. How can you do this when there is no paper trail? How can you do this with a system so vulnerable to manipulation? Simply stated: you can't. The people of California deserve better.

I urge you to give the voters a reliable and accurate means of casting their important vote. Give us a system that can be checked for accuracy, a system with accountability.

Thank you for your consideration to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
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